

New online banking system takes us all by surprise

We've recently made some improvements to our online banking system that give our customers more payment options, and the comfort of knowing their payments are going to the right place.

Our plan was to have the change go live in early October, once we had an opportunity to inform our customers. Unfortunately, the bank inadvertently made the system live before we had a chance to let anyone know what was happening.

Which banks are affected?

At this stage, only four banks have implemented the new system, ANZ, BNZ, Westpac and Kiwibank. For customers of all other banks it's still business as usual.

How will these changes affect me?

If you are a customer of one of the four banks and have previously set up an ordinary online payment with us, you will need to set it up again. More information on how to do this in relation to specific banks is available on our website if needed <http://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/online-banking-important-notice>.



Do these changes affect Automatic payments and Direct Debits?

No. If you have Council Automatic Payments or Direct Debits set up in your system, these will continue to work as normal.

Meet the team Community Services Manager

a fresh pair of eyes

A previous life in the funeral industry has taught Council's new community services manager Daniel Sales a lot about being positive, approachable and upfront with people in good and bad times.

"People do appreciate honesty, and I have a fresh pair of eyes. A sense of humour is vital, too. My philosophy is to get the work done, and laugh a lot," he says.



Daniel welcomes people stopping him in the street to talk, and hopes to inspire positive perceptions of what Council does.

Moving from the UK, where he managed one of the largest funeral home groups in the country, to New Zealand with his wife Jayne and the couple's two daughters in 2004, Daniel was a Thames funeral director for two years before shifting to Auckland to manage the Waikumete Cemetery for Waitakere District Council.

"We came for the lifestyle and the people, and have never looked back. This is our home. We're Kiwi citizens now," he says.

After spending the last two years commuting back and forth from Sydney where he worked for the New South Wales Government as an operations manager, Daniel is excited to be back in the Hauraki-Coromandel area working for local government.

"I'm looking forward to getting involved with the community and listening to locals to facing the challenges we have together."

Daniel Sales

HELP POLICE FIGHT P IN PAEROA

There's a villain in our towns. It's on our streets. It's behind many burglaries and other crimes. It's destroying families and ruining lives.

Methamphetamine (P) is not unique to Paeroa, but next week detectives from the Organised Crime Squad will be holding a public meeting in the town, designed to raise public awareness of the problem and empower the community. They'll be sharing first-hand information on what to look out for, signs and signals all is not well, how to keep safe, and what people can do to assist the Police. Just as importantly, they'll be pointing people to services that can help, should they know someone who has an issue with the drug.

Hosted by the New Zealand Police and supported by Hauraki District Council, Positive Paeroa and Paeroa College, the meeting will be held in the Paeroa College Hall, 7pm Tuesday 30 August.



Say 'Kapow!' to the villain in our towns

"Success for us is reducing the harm caused by methamphetamine in the Hauraki community. That is achieved by helping users to overcome addiction and preventing people from using in the first place through awareness of the negative effects of methamphetamine. Every person helped or stopped is a success for the community."

New Zealand Police



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